

THE REAL ESTATE MARKET

BOWERY MERCHANTS OBJECT TO THE ELEVATED STRUCTURE.

The Petition of the Public Service Commission to Make Its Removal from the Sidewalk to the Middle of the Street a Condition of the Third Track Grant.

The Bowery Realty and Business Men's Protective Association has sent a communication to the Public Service Commission which reads in part:

"The Bowery, which through its location is destined to become the great longitudinal artery of communication with Brooklyn, has been largely ruined as a commercial thoroughfare by the erection of the elevated structure over the sidewalks, to a great extent shutting out light, and air from the stores and subjecting pedestrians to annoyance and damage of clothing from the constant dripping of oil and of water impregnated with grease and rust and from melting ice and sleet in the winter season. The upper floors of buildings have been rendered almost uninhabitable for dwelling purposes by the din of passing trains within a few feet of the windows."

Your petitioners respectfully suggest that this unnecessary injury to property and interference with business interests could be almost wholly done away with by placing the elevated structure in the centre of the roadway, where the erection of the third track would cause little additional damage or inconvenience to the public. This would mean the rearrangement of the three tracks for a distance of considerably less than one mile, i. e., from Sixth street to Chatham Square."

Private Sales.

11TH STREET.—The trustees of Columbia University have bought from Mary L. H. Smith, et al., West Twenty-third street, four-story and basement dwelling on lot 381-1011. The university recently purchased the dwelling adjoining at No. 112-114, a two-story building, a portion of which is occupied by a branch of the university buildings. William C. and A. Edward Lester negotiated both deals.

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